s. s. "Devonia" encountered thin field ice in N. 44° 20', W. 53° 00′, this being the only field ice noted during the month. The entire absence of icebergs, and the almost entire absence of the ocean during the month. of field ice, over and near the Banks of Newfoundland during March, 1889, constitutes a noteworthy and very unusual feature, as during the corresponding month of the last seven years icebergs and field ice have been reported in large quantities in that region. During this period the average southern limit of ice for March has been about N. 41° and the average eastern limit about W. 44°.

OCEAN FOG IN MARCH.

Fog at Saint Johns, N. F., 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 20th, and 26th.

The limits of fog-belts west of the fortieth meridian are shown on chart i by dotted shading. In the vicinity of the Banks of Newfoundland fog was reported on seventeen days, as compared with thirteen days for February, 1889, and sixteen days for March, 1888. Between the fifty-fifth and sixty-fifth meridians fog was reported on twelve days, as compared with four days for February, 1889, and six days for March, 1888. To the westward of the sixty-fifth meridian fog was reported on seven days, as compared with three days for February, 1889, and six days for March, 1888. In each of the regions referred to the development of fog attended the approach or passage of areas of low barometric pressure, and the unusual

frequency of its occurrence may be attributed to the numerous and energetic storms which traversed the western portion

The following are limits of fog-areas on the north Atlantic Ocean during March, 1889, as reported by shipmasters:

•	Ent	ered.	Cı	eared.		Date.	Ent	ered.	Cle	eared.
Date.	Lat. N.	Lon. W.	Lat. N	. Lon.	w.	Date.	Lat. N.	Lon. W.	Lat. N	. Lon. W.
	0 /	0 /	0 /	0	,		0 /	0 /	0 /	
2-3	44 00	56 00	41 50	63		16-17	40 35	65 40	40 50	64 00
2-3	44 58	53 30	44 10	56	20	16-17	40 28	66 52	40 46	
2-3	40 09	66 o8	39 41	69	39	16-18	40 39	65 30	42 04	
2-4	45 17	53 21	43 15	61 69	50	17	40 48	67 00	40 40	
3-4	40 52	67 50 61 05	40 30		00 30	17	41 07	65 55	40 34	
3-4		61 05 60 00	40 55 42 IO		40	18-19	42 45 44 05	60 50 52 0 6	42 41 43 06	
3-4 3-4	43 00 45 29	47 19	46 28	45	16	17-19	40 40	65 00	43 06 39 50	
3 4			42 53	49		18-19	44 10	48 29	43 06	
4-5	At Hali	52 24 fax, N. S.	1- 33		•	19-20	44 39	52 00	43 18	
6	40 59	63 50	40 57	64		19-20	44 54	44 42	43 11	
6	42 09	51 00	42 00	50	00	<u>'</u> 20	45 40	46 48	45 02	
6-7		fax, N. S.				20	43 04	52 57	43 02	
7-8	43 12	50 00	42 40	52		20-21	45 59	43 47	45 45	
7-8	43 22	48 20	42 43		00	25	43 40	50 30	44 50	
8	44 05 47 06	45 22 46 26	43 45	46 51		25 25	44 57	48 52	44 47	
8-9	47 00		44 53		40	25-26	35 43 42 00	73 50	35 45	
9	44 40	47 59 53 25	43 24 45 20	51	00	29	44 50	50 30 60 00	42 00 44 50	
9-10	47 00	46 50	45 10	49	20	30	42 21	52 53	42 22	
9-10	46 30	48 10	47 15	46	00	30-31	42 57	50 40	42 44	

TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR (expressed in degrees, Fahrenheit).

The distribution of mean temperature over the United States and Canada for March, 1889, is exhibited on chart ii by dotted the normal at the older established Signal Service stations: isotherms. In the table of miscellaneous meteorological data the monthly mean temperature and the departures from the normal are given for regular stations of the Signal Service. figures opposite the names of the geographical districts in the columns for mean temperature show the averages for the several districts. The normal for any district may be found by adding the departure to the current mean when the departure is below the normal and subtracting when above.

and Gila rivers, where the values rose above 65°. In Florida tions have been taken, and from which the normal has been south of the thirtieth parallel, along the middle and west Gulf coast, in southwestern Arizona and southeastern California, and at stations in the valley and to the eastward of the San the extreme monthly means for March during the period of Joaquin River and Tulare Lake, Cal., the mean temperature observation and the years of occurrence: was above 60°. The mean temperature was lowest north of a line traced through Minnedosa and Winnipeg, Manitoba, and thence eastward to the extreme northern shore of Lake Superior, where the readings were below 25°. Values below 32° were reported north of a line traced irregularly east-southeast from Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., to Lake Ontario, and thence north of east to Cape Breton Island. Within an area extending over adjoining portions of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado the means fell below 35°.

The mean temperature was below the normal south of a line traced from central Arizona eastward to middle Alabama, and thence northeastward to the Atlantic coast in about the latitude of southern Delaware, the greatest departures below the normal being noted in the lower Rio Grande valley, where they exceeded 5°. In all districts north of the line referred to and on the Pacific coast the month was warmer than the average March, the greatest departures above the normal being shown in northwestern Minnesota, northeastern Dakota, and south-western Manitoba, where they were more than 15°. Over a greater portion of the country north of the fortieth parallel the temperature was 5°, or more, above the normal. On the Pacific coast the departures above the normal were less than 5°, except in the lower valley of the Columbia River.

The following are some of the most marked departures from

ļ	Above normal.	Below normal.					
ĺ	Margnette Mich	10.1	Rio Grande City, Tex Jacksonville, Fla Key West, Fla Galveston, Tex Savannah, Ga	3.6			

DEVIATIONS FROM NORMAL TEMPERATURES.

The following table shows for certain stations, as reported The mean temperature was highest over the southern ex-tremity of Florida, and in the lower valleys of the Colorado of years; (2) the length of record during which the observacomputed; (3) the mean temperature for March, 1889; (4) the departure of the current month from the normal; (5) and

		for the March.	frecord.	r March,	re from al.	(5) Extreme monthly mean temperature for March.				
State and station.	County.	(1) Normal month of	(2) Length of record	(3) Mean for 1889.	(4) Departure normal.	Highest.	Year.	Lowest.	Year.	
Arkansas.		۰	Years							
Lead Hill California.	Boone	48-5	7	50.1	+1.6	55-4	1882	45-5	1885	
Sacramento	Sacramento .	54.8	36	54.5	-0.3	59-8	1853	48-8	1880	
Fort Lyon	Bent	41.6	20	43.3	+1.7	47-3	1879	29.6	1867	
Middletown Florida.	Middlesex	32.2	20	37.0	+4.8	40.7	1871	25.7	1872	
Merritt's Island . Georgia.	Brevard	65.3	6	61.6	-3.7	71.1	1884	61.6	1889	
Forsyth	Monroe	56.9	15	57 · 4	+0.5	61.7	1880'82	51.4	1885	
Peoria		38.3	33	43. I	+4.8	45.8	1871	29.4	1867	
Riley	McHenry	31.3	32	36.2	+4.9	41.7	1878	23.8	1872	
Vevay	Switzerland.	42.6	22	45.9	 +3.3	50-7	1878	35.7	1885	
Cresco	Howard	25.8	17	35-1	+9.3	42.3	1878	19.6	1888	
Monticello Logan	Jones Harrison	31·9 34·7	35 15	39·4 42·I	17:5 17:4	45.8	1878	23.8	1867	
Kansas.		34.1	13	'	1	48.0	1878	28.3	1875	
Lawrence	Douglas	42.3	25	41.6	-0.7	51.2	1868	34.2	1876	
Wellington	sumner	43.6	10	40.9	+3.3	49.6	1879	39.0	1883	

Deviations from normal temperatures—Continued.										
			frecord.	r March,	re from	(5) Extreme monthly mean temperature for March.				
State and station.	County.	(1) Normal for the month of March.	(2)Length of record	(3) Mean for March 1889.	(4) Departure normal.	Highest.	Year.	Lowest.	Year,	
Louisiana.	ii	0	Years		0					
Grand Coteau	Saint Landry		1 6		-1.7	66.2	1884	59.5	1885	
Cornish	York	28.5	32	33-3	+4.8	36.2	1871	20.7	1863	
Maryland.	Allegany	36.8	30	41.9	+5· I	46.0	1878	30.0	1875	
Amherat	Hampshire	32.6	53	37 • 1	‡4·5 ‡4·6	40.5	1871	24.5	1843	
Somerset	Bristol	32.1	16		+3.0	36.7 39.8	1889 1878	27.0 28.2	1885 1885	
Kalamazaa	Kalamazoo		!3	39.0	+8·4	42.2	1878	22.5.	1885	
Minnesota	Lapeer	30-5	12	36.2	15.7	41.1	1878	21.0	1885	
Montana	Hennepin	24.5	24	34.9	+10.4	43.6	1878	11.6	1867	
Fort Shaw	Lewis & Clarke	32.5	18	41.8	+9.3	41.8	1889	21.7	1870	
New Jersey	Grafton	27.7	55	31.6	+3.9	35.5	1871	19.0	1872 '85	
Moorestown South Orange	Burlington Essex	37.4	26	39.8	+2.4 +3.5	45.4	1871	29·7 28·5	1885 1872	
Cooperstown	Otsego		35	. 21.4	+4.1		1871	18-3	1885	
North Carolina	Oswego		29	31.8	+4.8	37·2 38·1	1878	17.1	1885	
Lenoir	Caldwell	45.5	15	47.6	+2. I	51.6	1878	35.1	1877	
N'th Lewisburgh. Wauseon	Champaign Fulton	37·6 30·6	57	42. I 37. 2	+4·5 +6·6	48.0 43.2	1842 1878	21.0	1843 1885	
Albany	Linn	47.0	9	52.7	+5.7	53.0	1885	40-4	1880	
Pennoulamai	Polk	45.2	19	51.7	, -1- 6·5	54.2	1884	38.8	1880 	
Grampion Hills	Wayne Clearfield	28·4 30·3	24	33.3	+4·9 +6·3	36.9	1878	19.5	1885 1885	
South Carolina	Tioga	30.8	9	35.4		37.6	1882	22.4	1885	
Tennessee	Sumter	53.0	8	52.2	-0.8	59.0	1882	48-3	1885	
Austin Milan Texas.	Wilson Gibson	47·3 47·0	18	51·2 50·2	+3.9 +3.2	57·3 50·2	1868 1887 '89	40.8 43.7	1876 1885	
New Ulm	Tom Green Austin	58·5 62·6	16	57·2 59·9	-1·3 -2·7	63.9 68.4	1879 1879	51.8 57.3	1888 1888	
Strafford	Orange	25.6	16	32.6	+7.0	33-8	1878	17.2	1883	
Virginia. Bird's Nest Wytheville	Northampt'n Wythe	45.2	20	43.2	-2.0 +1.4	54·1 49·0	1878 1878	35.8 37.0	1872 1870'81,	
Madison	Dane	29.9	24	37.1	+7.2	37.1	1889	23.2	1888	
Washington. Fort Townsend	Jefferson	44.5	16	49-4	+4.9	50.7	1885	38.7	1880	
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MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURES.

The highest temperature reported was 90°, at Yuma, Ariz. Within a limited area in the middle Sacramento valley, in Western California south of the thirty-seventh parallel, in the Colorado Valley to southern Nevada, in southern Arizona and New Mexico, a greater portion of Texas, northern Louisiana, Southern Arkansas, northern Mississippi and Alabama, southwestern Tennessee, northeastern Florida, and southeastern Georgia the temperature rose above 80°. The lowest maximum temperature, 49°, was noted at Block Island, R. I. At a number of stations in the more northern districts the highest temperature recorded during the periods of observation was reported. At Eastport, Me., with a record of sixteen years, the maximum temperature for March, 1889, was 1° above the highest previous reading for the month, which occurred in 1878; at Columbus, Ohio, 11 years record, 1° above maximum of 1886; Duluth, Minn., 17 years record, 2° above maximum of 1878 and 1879; Moorhead, Minn., 9 years record, 9° above maximum of 1886; Saint Vincent, Minn., 9 years record, 21° above maximum of 1881; Fort Buford, Dak., 11 years record, 2° above maximum of 1879 and 1882; Fort Assinaboine, Mont., 9 years record, 2° above maximum of 1885; Linkville, Oregon, 6 years record, 2° above maximum of 1887; Fort Canby, Wash., 6 years record, 2° above maximum of 1885; Olympia, Wash., 12 years record, 3° above maximum of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 1° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 2° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 2° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 2° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 2° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 2° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, Cal., 19 years record, 3° color of 1885; San Francisco, 1885; San Fr 1º above maximum of 1887. Over the southern portion of the country the maximum temperature was below the maximum southern limit is traced from north of Hatteras, N. C., southreported for the corresponding month of previous years by westward to central Georgia, thence westward through central

values varying from 5° at Charlotte, N. C., to 12° at Galvestou, Tex., and 19° at San Diego, Cal.

The lowest temperatures were reported in northern Minnesota and Dakota, and northeastern Montana, where they fell below 0° (zero), the lowest reading, -9 being noted at Saint Vincent, Minn. The highest minimum temperature reported was 60°, at Key West, Fla. Unusually low temperature has not been reported, and at a large majority of stations the minimum readings were considerably above the lowest values previously noted for March, notably in New England, the Lake region, the Missouri valley, and the northern slope of the Rocky Mountains, where, at stations, the readings were 30°, or more, above the lowest March values of previous years.

RANGES OF TEMPERATURE.

The greatest and least daily ranges of temperature at regular stations of the Signal Service are given in the table of miscellaneous meteorological data. The greatest monthly ranges occurred over northern Minnesota and Dakota, and northeastern Montana, where they exceeded 70°. From this region the ranges decreased eastward to the south New England coast, where they were less than 30°, southeastward to southern Florida, where they were less than 20°, and westward to the Pacific coast, where they amounted to less than 30° along the coasts of Washington and northern California. Within a limited area, embracing the north-central part of Indian Territory and adjoining portions of Kansas, the monthly ranges were about 60°.

The following are some of the extreme monthly ranges:

Greatest.		Least.	
Poplar River, Mont Saint Vincent, Minn Moorhead, Minn Fort Supply, Ind. T Fort Elliott, Tex. Wichita, Kans	78.0 70.0 61.0 59.0	Key West, Fla. Tatoosh Island, Wash. Block Island, R. I. Eureka, Cal Galveston, Tex Hatteras, N. C.	21.0 25.0 27.0 28.0

TEMPERATURE OF WATER.

The following table shows the maximum, minimum, and mean water temperature as observed at the harbors of the several stations; the monthly range of water temperature; and the mean temperature of the air for March, 1889:

	. T	Temperature at bottom.						
Stations.	Max.	Min.	Range.	Monthly mean.	of air at the sta- tion.			
		•	•	0	•			
Canby, Fort, Wash	54.8	48.5	6.3	50.9	51.2			
Charleston 9 C	75·3	53.0	22.3 12.1	64.5 55.0	60.1 55.0			
Charleston, S. C Eastport, Me	37.6	49.0 36.0	1.6	36.8	33.0			
Galveston, Tex	62.0	55.5	6.5	59.0	60.0			
Key West, Fla	76.2	66.7	9.5	72.5	69.4			
New York City	39.8	32.9	6.9	36.6	41.5			
Pensacola, Fla	63·0 54·5	56.4 41.0	6.6 13.5	59·9 49·7	58.8 53.8			

FROST.

Frost destructive to vegetation was not reported south of the thirty-fifth parallel. In the south Atlantic states frost was not noted along, or near, the coast line, and the most southerly station reporting frost in that district was Quitman, Ga. In the Gulf states frost was reported as far south as the latitude of New Orleans, La., on five dates in Louisiana, and in Texas on three dates, at New Ulm. On the Pacific coast frost was frequently noted in Washington and Oregon. In California Sacramento was the only station reporting frost, where it occurred on the 19th.

LIMITS OF FREEZING WEATHER.

The southern and western limits of freezing weather for

Alabama and Mississippi to the Mississippi River, where it recurves northward to Tennessee, and from thence trends westsouthwest to the Rio Grande Valley. A line showing the western limit of freezing weather is traced irregularly north- Atlantic coast, and from five to ten degrees farther north in it curves eastward over the valley of the Columbia River, and marked advance eastward of the limit of freezing weather, the is continued northward between Port Angeles and Tatoosh coast of western Oregon being the only region where the tem-Island, Wash.

As compared with the lines representing similar data for February, 1889, it is shown that for the current month the limit of freezing weather was about ten degrees farther north on the westward from southeastern Arizona to the Oregon coast, where the Gulf states. On the Pacific coast there was a general and perature fell below 32°.

PRECIPITATION (expressed in inches and hundredths).

and Canada for March, 1889, as determined from the reports coast, 70 per cent. of nearly 2,000 stations, is exhibited on chart iii. In the Chart iv exhibits the normal distribution of precipitation for table of miscellaneous meteorological data the total precipitation and the departure from the normal are given for each chart shows that the heaviest precipitation for the month oc-Signal Service station. The figures opposite the names of curs in the extreme northwest part of Washington, where it the geographical districts in the columns for precipitation and commonly exceeds ten inches. It averages eight inches, or departure from the normal show, respectively, the averages more, in parts of western Washington and Oregon, northeastfor the several districts. The normal for any district may be ern and southwestern California, and northern Mississippi. found by adding the departure to the current mean when the The greatest average amount of precipitation in the Rocky precipitation is below the normal and subtracting when above. Mountain regions is shown in limited areas located in north-

rior stations in California north of the thirty-eighth parallel, four inches, or more. Over a considerable portion of the where it amounted to more than ten inches. No monthly rain- Rocky Mountain districts the precipitation for March falls befalls to exceed eight inches were reported east of the Pacific low one-half inch. Over the eastern portion of the country the greatest amount of precipitation was noted at stations on the Virginia coast, in eastern Maryland, southern Delaware, southern New Jersey, the southern extremity of Florida, in central and northeastern Arkansas, and southern Mississippi, where it amounted series of years; (2) the length of record during which the obto more than six inches. Over a large portion of the upper lake region and the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys the monthly precipitation was less than one-half inch, while at stations on the southeastern and middle slopes and the western (5) and the extreme monthly precipitation for March during part of the middle plateau region of the Rocky Mountains the the period of observation and the years of occurrence:

amount varied from .00 to one-half inch.

The precipitation was above the normal in California south of the fortieth parallel, in Montana and northeastern Minnesota, southwestern Missouri, southern Kansas, Arkansas, and thence southwestward to the Gulf coast and westward to the Pacific, except within an area extending over parts of western Texas, southern New Mexico, and southeast Arizona, over southern Florida, along the Atlantic coast from Atlantic City, N. J., to the lower South Carolina coast, except at Hatteras and Kitty Hawk, N. C., and over a part of the northern plateau region. The greatest departures above the normal occurred over the southern extremity of Florida, where they amounted to more than six inches, and along the west-central coast of California, and in central Arkansas, where they were more than four inches. The precipitation was generally below the normal from New England westward to the Pacific, and from the Lake region southward to the Gulf of Mexico, the greatest departures below the normal being reported in northwestern Georgia, southwestern Alabama, and northwestern Oregon, where they exceeded four inches.

In the several districts where the precipitation was in excess the percentages above the normal were about as follows: middle Atlantic states, 5 per cent.; Florida, 93 per cent.; Rio Grande Valley, 117 per cent.; west Gulf states, 20 per cent.; middle slope, 50 per cent.; southern slope, 4 per cent.; southern plateau, 9 per cent.; northern plateau, 30 per cent.; middle Pacific coast, 137 per cent.; southern Pacific coast, 107 per cent. In the districts where the precipitation was deficient the percentages of the normal were about as follows: New England, 60 per cent.; south Atlantic states, 85 per cent.; east Gulf states, 66 per cent.; Ohio valley and Tennessee, 50 per cent.; lower lake region, 60 per cent.; upper lake region, 40 per cent.; extreme northwest and upper Mississippi valley, 50 per cent.; Missouri Valley, 97 per cent.;

The distribution of precipitation over the United States northern slope, 75 per cent.; middle plateau and north Pacific

The greatest-precipitation in March, 1889, occurred at inte-central Colorado and south-central Utah, where it amounts to

DEVIATIONS FROM AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

The following table shows for certain stations, as reported by voluntary observers, (1) the average precipitation for a servations have been taken, and from which the average has been computed; (3) the total precipitation for March, 1889; (4) the departure of the current month from the average;

			e for the March.	Length of record.	r March,	ire from ge.	(5) Extreme monthly precipitation for March.			
) }	State and station.	County.	Average onth of A	ength	Total for 1889.	Departure i average.	Gree	itest.	Leas	st.
			(E)	(z)	(3) 1	3	Am't.	Year.	Am't.	Year.
, ;	Arkansas. Lead Hill California.	Boone			Inches 3.61	Inches. —0.14	Inches 4.87	1886	Inches. 2.84	1887
	Sacramento	Sacramento.	2.87	39	7-20	+4.33	10.00	1850	0.09	1885
	Fort Lyon	Bent	0.41	15	0.64	+0.23	1.87	1868	0.00	1879
.	Middletown Florida.	Middlesex	4.64	27	2.55	-2.09	9-49	1876	1.12	1874
•	Merritt's Island . Georgia.		-	11	1.03	-1.89	7.92	1878	0.76	1882
ŀ	Forsyth	Monroe		15	- - -	-5.03	12.87	1875	1.37	1878
Ì	Peoria Riley Indiana.	Peoria McHenry	2.57	34 38	1.50	-1.07 -1.11	5.82 7.23	1859 1876	0.24 0.29	1885 1885
ij	Logansport Vevay	Cass Switzerland.	3·13 3·89	14 24	1.51 0.85	-1.62 -3.04	6.89 6.30	1861 1882	0.95 0.85	1856 1889
;	Cresco	Howard	1.91		0.22	-1.69 -2.44	4·55 6·54	1888 1877	0 · 22 0 · 07	1889 1869
. !	Logan	Harrison	2.12	21	0.69	-1.43	4.50	1876	0.30	1885
1	Lawrence Wellington Louisiana.	Douglas Sumner	2.29	21 10	2.30	+0.01 +1.73	5·47 2·97	1888 1889	0.37 0.00	1879 1879
i	Grand Coteau	St. Landry	5.92	6	3.69	-2.23	10.20	1884	2.28	1887
	Maryland	York		. 32	3.17	0.96	9.63	1859	1.42	1874
į	Cumberland Massachusetts	Allegany	2.71	17	3.52	- - 0.81	5. 14	1884	0.50	1872
ļ	Amherst	Hampshire	3.46	53 10	1.02 3.20	-2.44	7.14	1876	0.89	1858
į	Newburyport	Essex Bristol	4.83	16	2.74	-0.76	6.83	1881	0.96	1885 1885
	Michigan.					-2.09	9.43	1877	1.14	_
İ	Kalamazoo!	Kalamazoo Lapeer	2·57 2·56	13 12	1.84 0.71	-0.73 -1.85	7.33	1877	0.42	1883 1889
ļ	Minnesota.	•	1.86	. :	1.07	_	4.67	1877	0.71	
1	Minneapolis	Hennepin		· .	0.34	-0.79	9.00	1868	0.32	1883
	Fort Shaw	TEMINACISTRE.	J- 40 i	10	J- 34	-0.12	1.05	1883	0.04	1873